

NEW TANGLE IN CLAFIN FAILURE

Mercantile Creditors for \$1,000,000 to Ask for Separate Minority Committee.

IN COURT TO-MORROW
Action Will Probably Mean Embarrassment to the Two Receivers.

STATEMENT BY ATTORNEYS
Outlook for Settlement Grows Better, Insists Mr. Clafin's Personal Counsel.

The split among the mercantile creditors of the H. B. Clafin Company, which was expected at the general creditors' meeting last Friday but was patched up late Thursday night, developed yesterday in the form of statements issued by Holmes J. Corbett, president of the Creditors' Audit and Adjustment Association, and George Gordon Battle of counsel for the association, who will ask Judge Hand for a separate minority committee, with its own attorneys, for mercantile creditors who held upward of \$1,000,000 worth of claims.

Frederick W. Lehmann, the St. Louis lawyer who, with Saul S. Myers, chief counsel for the association, and Mr. Battle appeared for the minority creditors at Friday's meeting, has been called hastily from St. Louis to take his fight before Judge Hand to-morrow. Mr. Corbett, the only minority member of the mercantile creditors' executive committee of five, appointed at a meeting on Monday, says that the right has been denied to the minority creditors to have their own counsel associated in the work of the committee.

The action on the part of the minority creditors will probably mean embarrassment to the receivers, Messrs. Martin and Sullivan, and a delay in the final adjustment of the Clafin company's affairs. Its announcement came late yesterday afternoon immediately after Judge O'Brien, president of the H. B. Clafin Company, had declared that a plan for the reorganization of the company and its twenty-seven subsidiary stores, through for the moment might be announced before the end of the week.

The merchandise creditors are now divided about two to one, the general committee, with Rosenberg, Lewis & Hall as counsel, appointed at a meeting on Monday, represents upward of \$2,000,000 in claims and the dissatisfied creditors about \$1,000,000. The latter are not concerned in the split only in as much as the plan of reorganization which they have nearly completed, it was said yesterday, will probably be set up as an adjustment of these outside differences is made.

Lehmann Here To-morrow.
Mr. Corbett's statement, issued from the office of Saul S. Myers, says that Mr. Lehmann, who is also associate counsel to the Creditors' Audit and Adjustment Association and represents many Western banks holding Clafin paper, would be here to-morrow in response to a wire from Mr. Myers. Mr. Corbett denied emphatically that Mr. Lehmann had withdrawn as associate counsel for the minority creditors, as was reported in some quarters on Monday.

"The most important act of the creditors' merchandise committee of fifteen on Monday," he said, "was to pass a resolution to make Rosenberg, Lewis & Hall counsel to the committee. Mr. Love, representing the minority creditors, urged that either Mr. Lehmann, Mr. Battle or Mr. Myers be allowed to represent the minority creditors on the committee, but Mr. Love's request was denied."

"After the matter of counsel had thus been disposed of an executive committee of five was elected. The association was allowed only one member on the committee—myself. I refused to take any part in the subsequent deliberations of this executive committee of five because I felt that it was not the representative of the creditors' Audit and Adjustment Association to have the benefit of the advice of counsel whom we had already consulted and in whom we had confidence."

Appended to the Corbett statement was a supplementary one by Mr. Battle, who said that before going to the Park Avenue Hotel on last Friday Mr. Lehmann, Mr. Myers and he had agreed to take the position at the meeting that they wanted to have their own committee of the minority creditors and that they changed their plan after Judge O'Brien made his statement on behalf of Mr. Clafin which was so encouraging to all creditors.

It was then thought best," added Mr. Battle, "to harmonize the situation as much as possible, looking to a successful reorganization of the business, and so an amalgamation of the two committees was agreed upon, by mutual consent, and the members of the committee would have any objection to our committee conferring with their own counsel in reference to the plan of reorganization."

More Accountants Wanted.
The minority creditors, through Mr. Myers, who has represented the Audit and Adjustment Association, thus far have asked the court for permission to have Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, accountants, make a separate examination of the books of the Clafin company and its subsidiary stores. This will make three sets of accountants working on the books. The receivers already had their own at work, and Judge O'Brien said yesterday that Haskins & Sells had been asked to make an accounting for the noteholders' committee.

LITTLE GIRL BLACKSMITH IS BOSS OF SUFFRAGE CARAVAN



Miss Elizabeth Freeman returned yesterday with news and views of the suffrage caravan which is touring Sullivan county with a prairie schooner and a pair of oxen. The main dependence of the caravan has turned out to be not Mrs. Rudolph Muller of Monticello, who is managing the expedition, but her thirteen-year-old daughter Phyllis, who rides ahead to gather audiences, runs errands and has even shod her own horse Huey. So great is her devotion to this horse, which she broke herself, that she learned to shoe him last summer, to the great delight of the Monticello blacksmith, Tom Carney, who says he never had a boy apprentice who learned so quickly.

He added lessons in harness mending as a reward and Miss Phyllis can now handle any sort of team, even the oxen.

Phyllis Muller. Taft and Teddy, who are, truth to tell, very docile, though Teddy insists on doing all the work. Miss Phyllis has her rifle along and she and the cook have succeeded in breaking the game laws on several occasions. She has been a crack shot since she was 11 years old.

At her home on Castle Hill are fifty-four fruit trees which Miss Phyllis has grafted herself. She insists that when she is grown up she will spend all her time in the country, though just now she is spending her winters at the Gardner School in New York.

She can take a four foot hurdle, but she is not all athlete, for like every German girl she can cook and sew. She has been at school in Germany and speaks both French and German without the slightest trace of accent. She came back an anti, but was converted by General Rosalie Jones, after all her mother's efforts had failed.

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"GOD WENT MEAT NIGHT," SAYS WIFE OF FAITHFUL SENTENCED

"She Got Me Up in a Balloon and Broke Two of My Ribs," Answers Schroeder.

AND THEN SHE HAD A VOICE
Silk Merchant Blames Marital Troubles on Trip to Europe and Operatic Fever.

A husband who spanked his wife while she was wearing only her night clothing and a wife who compelled her husband to go up in a balloon with her and get two ribs broken while she sustained a fractured hip told their troubles yesterday to Supreme Court Justice Donnelly.

The husband is William Schroeder, a member of the silk firm of William Schroeder & Co. at Twenty-fourth street and Madison avenue, who is also a lawyer associated in the office of Marcus Meyer.

The wife is Mrs. Gertrude Schroeder, who asked liberal alimony and \$1,000 counsel fee pending a suit for separation on the ground of cruelty. The court gave Mrs. Schroeder \$40 a week alimony and \$200 counsel fee.

It was intimated by the attorneys that in spite of the serious charges made against each other by the husband and wife they may become reconciled on account of their young son.

Mrs. Schroeder said the court case was married in 1907 and that since then her husband has dissipated \$50,000 and has been in a sanitarium several times through drink.

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SENT TO ELMIRA AS BRIBER.
Janitor, Who Accepted Bribe as Juror, Has Sentence Suspended.
Milton Solomon, the young electrician who induced George Jamison, a Janitor, of 78 Bank street, to accept a bribe while sitting as a juror in Part IV, of the Supreme Court, was sent to Elmira Reformatory by Judge Rosinsky in General Sessions yesterday. Jamison was allowed to go on a suspended sentence. Both men had pleaded guilty of bribery.

The arrest of Solomon and Jamison was brought about by private detectives. The trial of a suit for \$25,000 damages was allowed to go on a suspended sentence on before Justice Donnelly and the detectives found that Solomon knew Jamison, who had been drawn on the jury. An arrangement they all met in a Nassau street saloon, \$50 in marked money was passed and the two men were arrested.

FRANKLIN EVIDENCE MISSING.
Candy Company's Books Sought by Federal Authorities.
The Federal authorities are trying to find out who is responsible for the disappearance of books and papers impounded by the government as evidence in the prosecution of Nova Adolphus Brown, Floyd N. Franklin and several others who are charged with using the mails to defraud subscribers of the stock of Franklin's Incorporated, a candy making concern.

The missing books include a ledger and cash book by which the government hoped to prove that the financial statements sent out by the defendants in order to sell stock were false.

MUST MUZZLE DOGS; DOGLESS CITY NEXT

Board of Health Forecasts Elimination of Canines by New Regulation.

FEARS SPREAD OF RABIES
All Strays to Be Destroyed—Owners May Redeem Valuable Animals.

The Board of Health passed a regulation at its meeting yesterday making it compulsory for all dogs throughout the year to be muzzled in the city when not kept at their owners' homes. This is said to be a step in the direction of eliminating dogs from the city entirely.

This measure was passed because the board was alarmed by the fact that the number of cases of rabies among dogs was greater since January 1 in every borough except Brooklyn than for the corresponding period of last year. The cases were particularly prevalent in The Bronx. The city ordinances dealing with dogs ordered that they be muzzled or leashed only during June, July, August and September. All dogs not conforming to the ordinance were to be turned over to the city pound, but there is no such institution except on paper.

Dr. Emerson said that the board had no intention of confiscating prize dogs without giving their owners a chance to redeem them. All owners, however, who claim their dogs after the animals are caught unmuzzled will lay themselves open to prosecution as violators of the Sanitary Code. Stray dogs which are taken up will be destroyed, even if a suitable period of observation shows that they do not have rabies.

The new section is to go into effect as soon as the health authorities have deemed that dog owners have had sufficient notice. Dr. Emerson said that there would be "no sensational campaign of extermination in the immediate future," as the department cannot carry out the regulation until the budget for next year has been approved. The department, he said, would need several auto delivery wagons for conveying the captured canines, as well as keepers and a dog shelter or pound.

Next year, the Deputy Commissioner said, the board may find itself in a position to strive for a dogless city.

NINE PERSONS BITTEN BY DOG.
Four Victims From Montclair Sent to Pasture Institute.
Montclair, N. J., July 28.—A supposed mad dog left nine victims in his wake to-day. Four were sent to the Pasture Institute for treatment, and the others are receiving treatment in other hospitals. The dog also attacked a horse and several other dogs, killing two.

Those bitten were Angelo Grosso, 51 Bay street; Miss Annie Lauria, 24 Glenridge avenue; Nuzio Cavaliero, 39 Bay street; and Lorenzo Marsell, 22 Glenridge avenue, all of Montclair, and Miss Mary E. Higgins, 165 Orange street; Emil Richter, 165 Montgomery street; Joseph Prisk of 1 Montgomery street; and Raffaele Nigro and Michael Journe, 251 Franklin avenue, Bloomfield.

Policeman John McLaughlin met the dog on Bay street and sent a bullet into its body. The dog's head was cut off and sent to the Pasture Institute for examination.

Small Dog Bites Three Men on Left Legs and Is Killed.
Henry Brant, an engineer of 3228 14th avenue, was bitten four times in the left leg and once on the right thumb by a small dog at 24th street and Hull avenue yesterday. A spectator beat the dog off with an ash can. The dog then ran to Jerome avenue, where at 24th street it attacked Henry Dreier, a salesman of 2927 Ventnor avenue, and bit Dreier twice on the left leg. The dog then ran on to Villa and Van Cortlandt avenues, where it bit Stefano Atia of 3125 Villa avenue in the left leg. Detective Johannes Meyer killed the dog just after it had bitten Atia.

CITY MAY TAKE OVER HEBREW GIRLS' SCHOOL
President Myers of Technical Institution Discusses Plan With Mr. Churchill.

Following a visit of President Thomas Churchill of the Board of Education, Commissioner Ernest F. Eiler, Charities Commissioner John T. Kingsbury and Miss Annie E. Hodges to the Hebrew Technical School for Girls yesterday morning came a report that the city might take over the institution as a vocational school. The party was met by Nathaniel Myers, president of the school, who spent several hours inspecting the building and class rooms where several hundred young women were hard at work.

There are no negotiations at present being conducted by the board of trustees of the school for a transfer of the property to the city. Both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Myers said afterward that the matter was only a wish that it might be done.

"It is more a thought of my own than anything else," said Mr. Myers, "an aspiration which would have to be limited to the board of trustees. Before it could take any shape at all."

"There are no negotiations on for the transfer," said Mr. Churchill, "but I do wish that some way could be found whereby such a splendid organization, with its beautiful building could become a part of our vocational school system."

The Hebrew Technical School for Girls is one of the best noted institutions of its kind in the country. It occupies a large five story building of brick and stone at Fifth street and Second avenue, with a roof garden, swimming pool and swimming pools in the basement.

The school gives free instruction in commercial and manual courses to young women. According to its last report the daily attendance for 1913 was 524. The school has been most successful, statistics showing that in 1913 2,600 graduates were earning more than \$1,000,000 a year.

The officers for 1914 were: Honorary president, Adolph Lewisohn; president, Mr. Myers; vice-president, Abram I. Elkus; treasurer, Myron I. Borg; secretary, Samuel Jackson and Mrs. J. N. Bloom.

QUICK-WOOD (MADRAS) RED MAN COLLARS TROY'S BEST PRODUCT

WINTER GARDEN
PASSING SHOW OF 1914
THE SUMMER AND WINTER GARDENS
ANTHONY'S NEW YORK CITY

MAXINE ELIOT'S THEATRE
APARTMENT 12-K
TOO MANY COOKS
THE THIRD PARTY

COMEDY THEATRE
KITTY MACKAY
Rainey's 1914 African Hunt Picture

These New York Leading Theatres Have No Dealings with the Trust Co.
NEW AMSTERDAM
ZIEGFELD FOLLIES
HUDSON
DUMMIE
CABIRIA
POTASH & PERLMUTTER
LAST WEEK AT AEOLIAN HALL
IN MUSIC'S THRILL
JARDIN D'ANSE ROOF
LUNA
STRAND
HROOF
PALACE
VITAPHONE
NILES
LONGACRE
Cuechow's
CAFÉ BOULEVARD